

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (*Currently Amended*) An image processing apparatus that receives a download start request for resource data used for a print job and then downloads the resource data, the image processing apparatus comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with each of a plurality of information processing apparatuses;

a storage unit configured to store at least one print job received by said communication unit from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses ~~and the resource data used for the print job;~~

a determination unit configured to determine whether a print job received by said communication unit from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses exists in said storage unit; and

a control unit configured to be operable when said communication unit receives ~~the a~~ download start request ~~for the resource data from one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses and said determination unit determines that the received print job exists in said storage unit, to control said communication unit to inform the one information processing apparatus from which said communication unit has received the download start request for the resource data~~ of a first response indicating that downloading of the resource data is not possible, and when said communication unit receives the download start request for the resource data from one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses and said determination unit determines that the received print job does not exist in said storage unit, to control said communication unit to inform the one information processing apparatus from which said communication unit has received the download start request for the resource data of a second response indicating that downloading of the resource data is possible, wherein the resource data is downloaded from the one information processing apparatus to the image processing apparatus after the second response is informed from the image processing apparatus to the one information processing apparatus.

2. (*Currently Amended*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when said communication unit receives the download start request and said determination unit determines that the received print job does not exist in said storage unit, said control unit controls said communication unit to inform the one information processing apparatus of the second response and then controls said communication unit to download the resource data.

3. (*Previously Presented*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when said communication unit has informed the one information processing apparatus from which said communication unit has received the download start request for resource data that downloading of the resource data is not possible, said control unit controls said communication unit so as not to receive another print job.

4. (*Withdrawn*) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

- a communication device that communicates with a plurality of information processing apparatuses;

- a storage device that stores resource data downloaded from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

- a determination device operable when a download start request for first resource data has been received by said communication device from one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses after second resource data by said communication device from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses has been downloaded, to determine whether the second resource data is presently being written into said storage device; and

- a control device operable when the second resource data is being written into said storage device, to control said communication device to inform one of the plurality of information processing apparatus that downloading of the first resource data is not possible.

5. (*Withdrawn*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein when the second resource data has been completely written in said storage device, said control device controls said communication device to download the first resource data.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus that ~~receives a download start request for resource data used for a print job and then downloads the resource data~~ processes a print job using resource data, the image processing apparatus including a storage unit that stores at least one print job received from at least one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses ~~and resource data used for the print job~~, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a download start request for resource data from one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

determining whether a print job received from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses exists in the storage unit; ~~and~~

when the download start request for resource data is received and the received print job exists in the storage unit, informing the one information processing apparatus from which the download start request for the resource data has been received a first response indicating that downloading of the resource data is not possible; ~~and~~

when the download start request for resource data is received and the received print job does not exist in the storage unit, informing the one information processing apparatus from which the download start request for the resource data has been received a second response indicating that downloading of the resource data is possible, and downloading the resource data from the one information processing apparatus to the image processing apparatus after the second response is informed from the image processing apparatus to the one information processing apparatus.

7. (*Previously Presented*) A control method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of downloading the resource data when the download start request is received and the received print job does not exist in the storage unit.

8. (*Currently Amended*) A control method according to claim 6, wherein the image processing apparatus does not receive another print job when the first response is informed to the one information processing apparatus from which the download start request for resource data has been received ~~has been informed that downloading of the resource data is not possible.~~

9. (*Withdrawn*) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus including a storage device that stores resource data downloaded from at least one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses, the method comprising steps of:

determining, when first resource data has been received from one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses after second resource data from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses has been downloaded, whether the second resource data is presently being written into the storage device; and

when the second resource data is being written into the storage device, informing one of the plurality of information processing apparatus that downloading of the first resource data is not possible.

10. (*Withdrawn*) A control method according to claim 9, wherein said controlling step comprises controlling the communication device to download the first resource data when the second resource data has been completely written in the storage device.

11. (*Currently Amended*) A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing a computer program that executes a method of controlling an image processing apparatus that ~~receives a download start request for resource data used for a print job and then downloads the resource data~~ processes a print job using resource data, the image processing apparatus including a storage unit that stores at least one print job received from at least one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses ~~and resource data used for the print job~~, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a download start request for resource data from one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses;

determining whether a print job received from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses exists in the storage unit; ~~and~~

when the download start request for resource data is received and the received print job exists in the storage unit, informing the one information processing apparatus from which the download start request for the resource data has been received a first response indicating that downloading of the resource data is not possible; and

when the download start request for resource data is received and the received print job does not exist in the storage unit, informing the one information processing apparatus from which the download start request for the resource data has been received a second response

indicating that downloading of the resource data is possible, and downloading the resource data from the one information processing apparatus to the image processing apparatus after the second response is informed from the image processing apparatus to the one information processing apparatus.

12. (*Previously Presented*) A non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 11, the method further comprising downloading the resource data when the download start request is received and the received print job does not exist in the storage unit.

13. (*Currently Amended*) A non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 11, wherein the image processing apparatus does not receive another print job when the first response is informed to the one information processing apparatus from which the download start request for resource data has been received ~~has been informed that downloading of the resource data is not possible.~~

14. (*Withdrawn*) A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing a computer program that executes a method of controlling an image processing apparatus including a storage device that stores resource data downloaded from at least one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses, the method comprising steps of:

determining, when first resource data has been received from one of a plurality of information processing apparatuses after second resource data from at least one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses has been downloaded, whether the second resource data is presently being written into the storage device; and

when the second resource data is being written into the storage device, informing one of the plurality of information processing apparatus that downloading of the first resource data is not possible.

15. (*Withdrawn*) A non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 14, wherein said controlling step comprises controlling the communication device to download the first resource data when the second resource data has been completely written in the storage device.

16. (New) An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:  
resource data storage unit configured to store the resource data that has been  
downloaded from the one information processing apparatus to the image processing apparatus,  
wherein the communication unit downloads the resource data, which is then stored in  
the resource data storage unit.

17. (New) A control method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of storing the  
resource data in a resource data storage area, after downloading the resource data.